

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Masaki Aoki et al.

Serial No.: 09/997,536

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING PLASMA  
DISPLAY PANEL WITH  
PROTECTIVE LAYER OF AN  
ALKALINE EARTH OXIDE

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**REQUEST FOR STATUS OF APPLICATION**

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the Notice mailed April 17, 2007 indicating the above identified application was suspended for a period of six months, Applicant hereby respectfully requests the status of the application.

It is noted that the issue fee was paid in May 2006 and this application was subsequently held in suspension due to the pending status of the co-pending Reissue Application Serial No. 09/997,988. However, the co-pending application is now proceeding to issuance, as of July 25, 2008.

Applicant respectfully requests that the suspended Reissue Application proceed to issuance.

If there are any questions, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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